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Title: WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR DISTINGUISHING PITS AND PARTICLES

The prior application is assigned of record to ADE Optical Systems Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on May 10, 1999 at 9944/0936 and also by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on March 23, 1998 at 9067/0594.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	24
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Drawing(s)	19

Enclosures:

- Information disclosure statement, 1 page; and PTO-1449, 5 pages,
- Preliminary amendment, (4 pages).
- Serial Number Card (green).

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 10/301,677, filed November 22, 2002; which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/906,062, filed July 17, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,509,965; which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/624,502, filed July 24, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,292,259; which is a



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continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/958,230, filed October 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,118,525; which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/399,962, filed March 16, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,712,701. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application. This application also claims benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/032,103, filed December 4, 1996.

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